

## House File 84 - Introduced

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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting persons convicted of nonsupport of the  
2 person's child or ward from being present at gambling  
3 establishments, and providing penalties.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 726.5, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **726.5 Nonsupport.**

4 1. A person, who, being able to do so, fails or refuses to  
5 provide support for the person's child or ward under the age  
6 of eighteen years for a period longer than one year or in an  
7 amount greater than five thousand dollars commits nonsupport;  
8 provided that no person shall be held to have violated this  
9 section who fails to support any child or ward under the age of  
10 eighteen who has left the home of the parent or other person  
11 having legal custody of the child or ward without the consent  
12 of that parent or person having legal custody of the child or  
13 ward. "Support", for the purposes of this section, means any  
14 support which has been fixed by court order, or, in the absence  
15 of any such order or decree, the minimal requirements of food,  
16 clothing, or shelter. Nonsupport is a class "D" felony.

17 2. A person who has been convicted of nonsupport of a child  
18 or ward under this section shall not be present upon a gambling  
19 boat or the real property of a gambling structure or racetrack  
20 enclosure under chapter 99F, until all arrearages due are  
21 satisfied. A person who violates this subsection commits a  
22 simple misdemeanor.

23 3. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a person may be present  
24 upon a gambling boat or the real property of a gambling  
25 structure or racetrack enclosure under chapter 99F, if the  
26 person is there for the sole purpose of their employment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill prohibits a person convicted of nonsupport of a  
29 child or ward, who has not paid all due arrearages, from being  
30 present at certain gambling establishments. A violation of  
31 this offense is a simple misdemeanor.

32 The bill provides an exception to this offense, allowing an  
33 individual to be present at gambling establishments for the  
34 sole purpose of their employment.